

Appl. No. 10/764,374
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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 12. This sheet, which includes Fig. 12 replaces the original sheet including Fig. 12.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 22, 23, and 30 are pending. Claims 22, 23, and 30 have been amended. Claim 21 has been canceled. No new claim has been added.

Fig. 12 was objected to for not including -- Prior Art --. Fig. 12 has been amended to include -- Prior Art --.

Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the prior art as disclosed in Fig. 12. Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,698,223. Claim 21 has been canceled.

Claims 22, 23, and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Claims 22, 23, and 30 have been amended in response to the rejection. Claims 22 and 23 also have been amended to include the features of claim 21.

Claims 22, 23, and 30 were rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting in view of claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,698,223. Applicants submit a Terminal Disclaimer.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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FIG. 12 (Prior Art)

